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Vienna, Octob. 19.

THe news of the taking of *Strasbourg* by the French, and of their being poſſeſſed of *Cazal*, does not a little perplex this Court; as to the latter, the Empreſs-Dowager as a Daughter of *Mantoua* claims a right of Succeſſion; and it's ſaid here, that the Duke of *Mantoua* holding his Dutchy as a Fief of the Empire, he cannot part with the whole, or any part of it, without the conſent of the Emperor and the Empire. The Affairs of *Hungary* likewiſe do not pleaſe us; the Rebels attacking ſeveral places, and being hitherto Maſters of the Field, and it being feared that the Dyet at *Oedenburg* will not end with the ſatisfaction to the Proteſtants, that is to be wiſhed, and that ſeems ſo neceſſary, in order to the reſtoring the Peace of that Kingdom.

Berlin, Octob. 21. The Sieur *Gersdorff*, the Elector of *Saxony*'s chief Miniſter, is now here, and, as we are told, is Treating an Alliance between his Maſter, and our Elector; the Terms of it we do not yet hear; but moſt People, that have any knowledge of the Affairs of this Court, think it to be very far advanced. We have news here of the death of the young Czar of *Moſcovy*, which if true, will make a great change in the Affairs of thoſe Northern Parts.

Strasbourg, Octob. 24. The 20th Inſtant our Biſhop arrived here, accompanird with his Brother, Prince *William* of *Furſtemberg*; the next day he took poſſeſſion of the Cathedral (which has been in the hands of the Proteſtants for theſe hundred years) and Reconſecrated it, which was performed with a great deal of Ceremony. The 20th the French King and the whole Court parted from *Enſisheim*, and Lodged that night at *Colmar*; the 22 their Majeſties came to *Benefeldt*, and the next day after Dinner they arrived here, being received without the Gates by the Marquis *de Chamilly*, and by our Magiſtrates; and being ſaluted by 265 pieces of Canon, (placed for that purpoſe out of the Town) which were thrice diſcharged. The King and Queen lighted at the *Hoſtel de Dourlach*, which was prepared for them, and preſently after the King and the Dauphine took Horſe, to viſit the Fortifications, and the Forts on the *Rhine*, and to view the place where a Cittadel is deſigned; and at the ſame time the Duke and Dutcheſs of *Orleans*, went to make the Electoreſs-Palatine Dowager, their Mother, who came hither *incognito*, a viſit. This day their Majeſties were at Maſs in the Cathedral, being received at the Door by our Biſhop and his Clergy.

Bruſſels, Octob. 28. We begin to hope that what has been reported of the French, their intending to fall into *Flanders*, and particularly into the Countrey of *Aloſt*, was rather occaſioned by the apprehenſions people had, then by any real ground there was for it; for the Letters we now receive from *Lille*, and other places of the French Conqueſts ſay, That the Mareſchal *d' Humieres* is not drawing any Troops into a Body, or making any extraordinary preparations; that ſome of their Garriſons had indeed been changed, and that had raiſed the report of the march of their Troops. However, our Governor the Prince of *Parma*, neglects nothing that may contribute towards the putting the moſt important places of theſe Provinces in a poſture of Defence, and has drawn moſt of the Cavalry to this ſide, to cover the Countrey of *Aloſt*, and the little *Brabant*; and by the end of the next week, his Highneſs will have 4500 Horſe and Dragoons in a Body. His Highneſs went yeſterday to *Malines*, to ſee Horſes diſtributed to thoſe of the Cavalry in Garriſon there, that wanted them, and returned again in the Evening. From *Liege* they write, that they are in much fear that the French intend to take Winter Quarters in that Countrey; Some of their Troops being, already come into the neighborhood of the Countrey of *Effelt* and *Stavelo*, and having poſſeſſed themſelves of the Caſtle of *Salme*. On Sunday came hither from *Holland* the Deputies of the Admiralties, to liquidate the ſeveral ſums they pretend from the Crown of *Spain*.

Bruſſels, Octob. 31. We are expecting what the French will do, with reference to the Countrey of *Aloſt*, and its Dependencies, when the term of ſix weeks expires, which it does on Monday next; in the mean time we do not hear of any motion of their Troops upon the Frontiers; only there is a Letter from *Tournay* of the 28th which ſays, that they were putting the Copper Pontons that are there, in order; The Prince of *Parma* in the mean time continues his care and diligence, in order to the putting himſelf into a condition to make head againſt the French, in caſe they ſhould invade theſe Provinces. From *Liege* they write, that the Prince of *Orange* had given Orders for the demoliſhing of *Haſſelt* and *Maſtyck*, with intention to reſtore them to the Elector of *Cologne*. We have Letters from *Hungary*, which ſay, that the Rebels beſieged *Zatmar*, and that it was very much feared they would take it, though Count *Serini*, the Governor, defended it very bravely.

Hague, Nov. 1. The States of *Holland* and *Weſt-Frieſland* meet again the 5th Inſtant, againſt which time the Prince of *Orange* is expected here. The Forreign Miniſters here are often together, on occaſion